The Mat-Su Monitor

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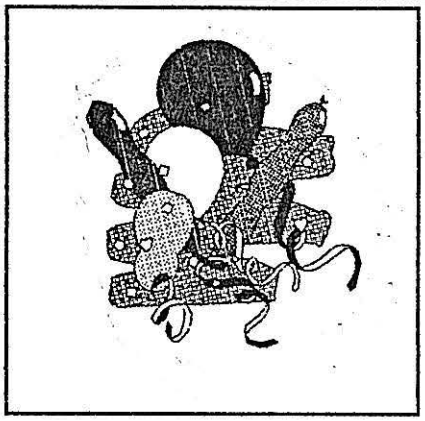
K-MART EYES SPUD FIELD

Wal Mart, look out. The word is circulating that K-Mart is going in on one of the potato fields at Four Corners. Negotiations are underway with a local contractor and most significantly of all, the potholes in Trunk Road have been filled.

Will Trunk get straightened out? Will the potato blossoms be replaced by the blue light? Will this be the site of the future town of Four Corners, Ak.?

The Monitor predicts that in just a few more years, the only spuds in the area will be the greasy fries in the corner grill at the discount store.

And so, agriculture in the Mat Valley is dealt another mortal blow. We will welcome the convenience of shopping, but will miss the tractors plowing the earthy furrows in the spring, the greening of the fields throughout the summer, and the timeless picture of the gleaners in the fall.



19 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL THE END OF THE SEMESTER !

HALFWAY THERE !!!

The new additon has lights and visquine and a start on the spine to Snodgrass Hall.

If you want the building to be named after Fred Machetanz, write to the Board of Regents, who are the ones that make the decision.

The new building will be used for more art rooms and studios and for general classrooms.

In the 79-80 school year, MSC had 312 students; for 93-94, we have 1337 so far.

Anybody interested in getting together and burying a time capsule next summer near the new building?

NEW SCIENCE DEGREE

The School of Agriculture and Land Resources Management at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, is proposing to offer a new Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management (Plant, Animal, and Soil Sciences Option) at Mat-Su College, UAA, and the Experimental Station on Trunk Road in Palmer.

The courses to be taught at MSC and UAA are to be transferable to UAF.

Interested parties should contact the School of Agriculture and Land Resources Management in Fairbanks at (907) 474-7083.

CHRISTMAS BALL FOR STUDENTS

A **Christmas Ball and Dance** will be held at Lake Lucille Lodge in Wasilla on December 17 from 7:00 PM to 2:00 AM. The dance is for students at Mat-Su College and their guests.

Admissions is free for students and $10.00 per guest. Appetizers will be served and the **TIMES IMAGE** band will provide live music. Drinks will be available, but will not be free.

Underage students and guests are eligible to attend. Tickets for both students and guests must be obtained at the Student Government Office by December 7, so that the Lodge can make suitable arrangements.

The Ball is black-tie optional. ID's will be checked when ordering drinks.

MAT-SU STUDENT APPOINTED

Alice M. Orth, an Elementary Ed junior at MSC, has been appointed to the University of Alaska Open Learning Cooperative Steering Committee by Jerome B. Komisar, President of U of A.

Alice, who is from Red Devil, Ak. is the only student on the committee from the entire U of A system.

The committe is charged with investigating ways to improve "distance education" within the U of A system. Distance education utilizes alternate methods of classroom instruction rather than just the traditional on-site classroom lectures.

Such methods include live TV transmissions to sites other than where the lecture is being held, some of which

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OPINION

SINGLE DAD.....By Mark Ewing

A male single parent faces similar problems that a female single parent does. Society however, has yet to accept males in the single parent role. In the last twenty years, more and more fathers have chosen to give up their careers to ensure that their children receive the proper upbringing. Society feels that males are not capable of this task. Over the years this notion has diminished...but it is still apparent.

I have been raising my son Cameron since he was one year old. He is now three. At the time I assumed custody of Cameron, I was working as a contractor for the Exxon oil company making in excess of sixty thousand dollars a year. Most of my work required me to be out of town quite often.

There came a time in my life when I had to review my priorities. I made the decision that my son was my first and most important priority. This adjustment is what has led me back to college. In order to isolate myself from the out of town work scenario, I will have to establish a more secure position with a company that will allow me to make sufficient wages without the travel. I've had years of on the job training but my education stopped when I quit college here several years ago.

I have no regrets about making the decisions that I have. I truly love my son and he loves me. We provide mutual support for

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DEAN MASSAY - PART III - "SHE RUNS THE IDITAROD"

by Mark Ewing

Well, we've covered Dr. Massay's past endeavors in part I and II, now let's take a look at the present. It's kind of funny how people meet one another. One never knows exactly where things will lead.

A few years back, as Glenn was driving home, he noticed his neighbor, Donna Gentry, struggling against the wind with a tarp. She was desperately trying to cover up several bales of hay. Being the gentleman that he is, Glenn ran up to offer assistance. One thing led to another and soon after, Glenn and Donna began dating.

Donna Gentry, a lady of strong will, moved to Alaska soon after completing high school. A small town girl from La Conia, N.H., population 15,000, Donna's attraction for the sport of dog mushing led her to develop an interest in running the "Last Great Race." As a rookie in the 1980 Iditarod, Donna finished in 10th place, thus winning the award for Rookie of the Year. In 1981, Donna tried her skill again. Unforseen problems in the race caused her to finish in 18th place.

A few years ago, Glenn asked Donna for her hand in marriage. She accepted. A few days before the wedding, a leak in the down-stairs plumbing forced Glenn to close down the bathroom for renovations.

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MORE OPINION

SMOKING OR NON-SMOKING

by Shirley Hendrix

Tobacco was the salvation of America, but now is the bane of the people. Smoking or non-smoking --words that have divided a nation. The laws are all for the non-smoker, but those of us who are fighting--or accepting--the strong addiction of tobacco need a few concessions and a little respect.

I will be the first to admit this world would be a better place without tobacco. But those of us who are addicted, all 51 million of us, should have some consideration. Smokers are not just statistics, they are human beings also.

Ex-smokers will say, "If I can quit, anyone can." Maybe, maybe not. Some people's nicotine receptors may not be as demanding as others. Also, if you talk to these ex-smokers after five years, you will find a large number of them have started smoking again. They relapse at the same rate as alcohol or heroin abusers, a rate of about 80%. (Surgeon General Everett Koop, May, 1988)

Some people argue, "I'm allergic to cigarette smoke, I have a right to breath smoke-free air." I don't argue with that. It's very true. But, does this make these people better and more privileged than me?

I'm allergic to perfume, I have a right to breathe perfume-free air. When I get cooped up with someone wearing perfume, I suffer, I can't even go down the aisles at the store where they have potpourri, scented candles, and incense. I've discovered there are a lot of people with this allergy but have been afraid to say so because society tells us perfume is *good*, it's sex-appealing. Society tells us smoking is *bad*.

Therefore, those who go with the flow, have more rights than those who don't. Smokers can be turned down for jobs and housing. And they are sent out into 40' below temperatures if they need to smoke, which they do.

Although we are a large minority, about one-third of the U.S. population, more laws are being passed against us. We are treated as if we have some contagious disease. We are shunned and looked down upon. We are being treated like minorities have been treated all through history, as second class citizens. Society is trying to correct this treatment to some, but not to smokers.

We see all those smug looks and shrugged shoulders of our tormentors who, admitting knowledge of this treatment, say, "If you don't like the way you are treated, quit."

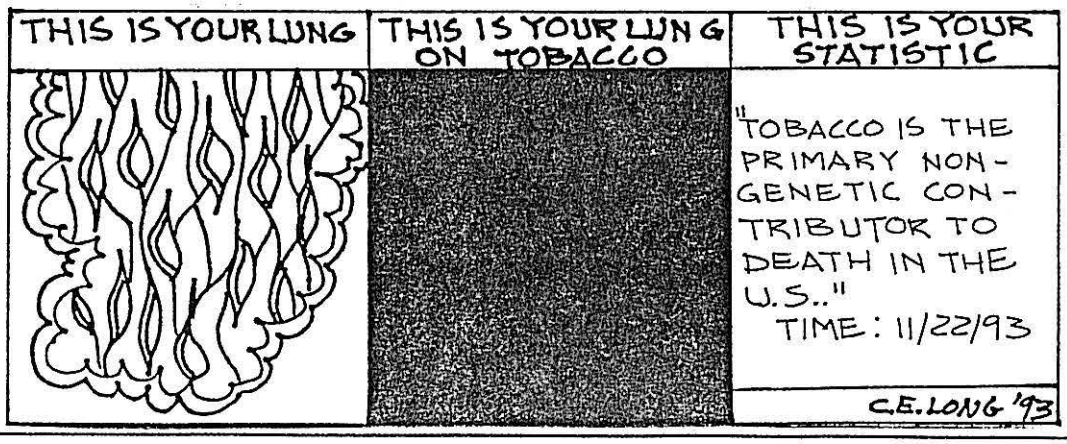
For every pack of cigarettes I buy, I pay a state tobacco tax of 29 cents over and above the federal sales tax. According to the Income and Excise Tax Department in Juneau, Alaska collected almost 17 million dollars in 1992 from the sale of tobacco. That's the contribution smokers make to Alaska.

What are these taxes used for? They are used along with the rest of the taxes as grants, funding for schools and colleges, AFDC, JOBS, DVR, child-care, Medicaid, and many other programs. These taxes also help pay the salaries of the people in our government who are passing laws against smoking. The more smoking is banned, the more stress put upon the smoker, making it even harder to quit.

We believe in compromise, why doesn't anyone else? Have your smoke-free air, we are not trying to take that away from you. All we want is out of the rain, snow, and wind: a place we can sit and relax with our addiction. Let us fight our own battles without being treated like an animal being sent out into the weather to "do his thing," then let back in.

In the places we have to be all day, at work or at college, we need a place with tables, chairs, and heat. We need to feel we are at least equal to everyone else instead of second class citizens. All we ask is a few considerations, some concessions, and a little respect.

Shirley Hendrix is a student at MSC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The CUBE>>

A PRESENTATION OF THE MSC MATH CLUB

MATH FACTS

1. In 2750 B.C., Chinese arithmetic and astronomy flourished under the Emperor Huang-Ti.

2. In 200 A.D., the Mayans of Central America created an accurate calendar.

3. A googol is equal to one followed by a hundred zeros or 10 to the hundreth power.

A googolplex is equal to 10 to the tenth power to the one hundreth power.

These were named by Dr. Edward Kasner.

4. In 1748, Maria Agnesi developed analytical geometry.

5. In 1110 A.D., Omar Khayyam, the poet, invented cubic equations and Pascal's triangle (later publicized by Pascal).

...researched by Barbara Hulbert, adjunct instructor of math at MSC.

SOME MATH JOKES

"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Polynomial."

"Polynomial who?"

"Polly, no meals for you today. You're too fat and need to go on a diet."

Definition:
A power lunch is a ***square meal.***

Q. What did the gorilla call his number 1, 2, 3, and 5 wives?

A. His "primates."

"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Trig."

"Trig who?"

"Trig or treat."

BIRD PROBLEM

A man wants to buy 100 parakeets and spend exactly $100.00. He must have at least one color each of blue, green, and yellow birds. Blue birds cost $10.00 each, green birds cost $3.00 each, and yellow birds cost $.50 each.

How many birds of each color does he need to buy to have exactly 100 birds and spend exactly $100.00?

see answer page 7.

MATH HAIKU

In all of nature
numbers are not to be found.
It took human mind.

contributed by Barbara Hulbert

A BAD MATH JOKE

Once upon a time in medieval days, two young sons of a nobleman were practicing their sword work in the castle courtyard. As the day wore on, they became increasingly angry with each other and the thrusts and parries were in earnest. With a vicious swing, the younger boy lopped off his brother's feet right at the ankles.

"Now you can't call me Shorty anymore. You're the same as me!" he yelled.

As his brother slumped to the ground, he pulled his dagger and slit his brother's throat and they both expired. Their bodies were taken away to be buried.

When the stablehands came out to clean up the rest of the mess, they found the two feet still standing there on the ground.

"Oh, look at those feet! How horrible!" cried one.

"Yes," said the other one, "it's so sad; it's the difference of two squires."

TIPS FROM ASHRAE

The Mat-Su Heating and Refrigeration Club

Well, it looks like ***winter*** has finally made it to Alaska. If your home heating system is not yet ready for winter, you should get it done now.

1. Clean or replace air filters monthly during winter months.

2. Replace fuel filters if applicable.

3. Clean chimney on wood or coal burning heaters.

4. A set back or electronic thermostat can reduce heating bills.

5. A service check should be done on your system by a qualified technician, especially if the system uses fuel oil.

Don't get caught short, keep warm by keeping your heating system ***working properly.***

DEAR SAMANTHA

Dear Samantha,

Please tell me why women are so devious to men at times?

College Guy

Dear College Guy,

There are several reasons as to why women might be devious:

1. Devious women have been treated shabbily by men and aren't going to take it anymore.

2. If a man doesn't like what he sees, he should change his tactics because it might be his fault.

3. Some women are on a constant mission to confuse men because if men understood women, women wouldn't have a chance to make it sometimes!

Does that answer your question?

Samantha

LITERARY ITEMS

HAIKU

Computer generated haiku:

The wild bitter thunder;
in the blue snow,
the pine sleeps.

The hidden lingering bush
is floating a crimson hill.
A haze drifts.

A withered little shadow;
on a frosty breeze,
the flower flutters.

Creeps dappled glade...
The pond drifts under a violet
vermillion dark water.

People generated haiku:

To climb big mountain
Quite like writing a poem;
Both unmapped frontiers.

by Barbara Carney, Financial Aid Officer at MSC

Silent, menacing,
eagle stalking prey above
whispering thickets.

by L.A.S., a student at MSC

Overcast and grey,
the winter settles in low,
stilling fall grumbling.

by Barbara Hulbert, adjunct instructor at MSC

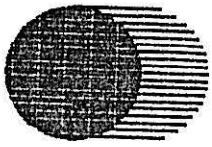
Ice like mushroom bones.
Wind drifts old snow through black roots
like a spider's breath.

by C.E. Long, student at MSC

JOKE

A farmer and his wife are sitting on their front porch in the evening when they see a strange disk-shaped object hovering in the cornfield. It has flashing lights all around, is making whistling noises, and in bold letters under the lights, says "USS Canterbury Tales."

"Oh, look, Martha," said the farmer, "it's a flying Chaucer!"



UNCLAIMED PRIZE

The poetry editor announces wistfully that last month's prize to identify which of T.S. Eliot's poems contains the line ***"I should have been a pair of ragged claws."*** is still unclaimed.

The first student at MSC who correctly identifies this poem will win the prize. See Michelle in the Student Government Office.

DAD

one another. At times, being a single parent does have its down-falls.

Of course a gap that exists that a significant other would fill for both Cameron and I. Until such time as someone comes along who will care for Cameron and I as much as I care for her, we will continue to forge our way ahead.

At times - it's tough. Being a single father isn't easy; but I wouldn't give it up for anything. A lot of men have chosen to walk away from a relationship and some did not have the choice. These men are happy seeing their children occasionally and paying child support monthly. I personally don't envision this as my role as a father. I have fought hard to obtain full custody of Cameron and I'd do it all over again if I had to.

I think the hardest thing was the adjustment. There were a lot of things I had to learn about raising a baby. It's hard to be a disciplinarian and at the same time provide a shoulder to cry on. I think this is something that all single parents face. Every minute that is not spent at school or at work is devoted to my son. He deserves the best out of life that I can offer him. Whether or not I remarry, we will continue as we have.

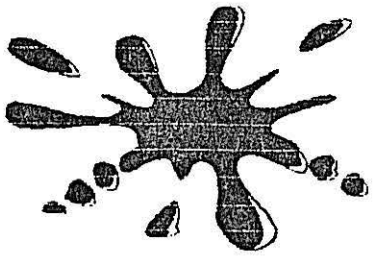
The attendants from the day care that Cameron attends think highly of the effort I have put into raising him. It's very hard to do homework at home because Cameron requires a lot of attention. So most of the time I will come to the college early to study. I am his father, his play mate, his mother, and his best friend.

This summer we had a chance to experience a *see DAD page 9*

STOLEN ART RECOVERED

Kim Donofrio's stolen painting, "Mountain Communion," which was heisted from the student art show in the MSC atrium last spring, was returned a few days ago.

The painting was turned into the State Troopers by a local chaplain, who acted under a promise of silence to the remorsefull thief.



NOVEMBER ART REVUE

by C.E. Long

The November art faculty show in the Mat-Su College Atrium, which will run from Nov 3 to Dec 12, features the work of Rebecca J. Voris, an adjunct instructor of pottery at UAA. She also teaches art at West High in Anchorage. The show consists of several pottery pieces and six woven wall hangings, most of which are for sale.

In the artist's statement, Ms. Voris states that her work involves "spontaneously generated images from the imagination" and that her "subjects are intuitive and exploratory." She elaborates that one beginning image leads to another and that she wants her works to convey a "feeling of fantasy."

In the pottery section of the exhibit are two free form pots: one is a textured red, floppy bowl and one is a tall brown and blue vase with an extruded texture. There is also a wheel thrown lidded jar in speckled brown and white.

There are two sets in the collection. One is a thrown cream and white teapot with three cups and one is a punch bowl with eight cups made of pink patterned coils.

Although the pieces are not displayed well, it is worth the viewer's contortions to bend down and inspect the designs of the two sets. These pieces display the artist's interest in the use of texture to good effect.

The weavings in the other section of the exhibit range in size from approximately fourteen inches by three feet to twelve inches square. In most of them, the artist has used a dyed or painted warp, so that the color of a particular warp thread may vary for instance, from orange to green.

All of the works have abstract or semi-abstract designs. Two of the pieces, "DEEP SPACEOUT" and "DEEP SPACE," were designed on a computer, which was then hooked up to a doby loom for the actual weaving of the backgrounds. The backgrounds on both are rolling, multi-directional twills that change in overall color due to the dyed warp. The pieces both have a tapestry-like inset in the center with designs that are easy to interpret as sci-fi oriented.

The more effective of the two works, "DEEP SPACEOUT," is done with a background of black and with magenta shading to pink and purple, with a set-in of black and light blue. There are vague dinosaur shapes in the foreground that contrast well with the starry points that give a feeling of depth.

The designs in all the works are interestingly thin and even twiggy looking with strong vertical elements. There is some representation of human and animal figures. "DEEP SPACE" has a fascinating spider-like figure.

"ODEON'S LADDER" is perhaps the best overall of the weavings, although the DEEP SPACE series is more dramatic. It has a light blue, green, and lavender background with black abstract tree figures, that are reminiscent of a forest scene. The designs give a feeling of Australian aborigine work and are intriguing in their delicate gestures and

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ALICE

may even be on the same campus. Other means use telephone and satellite transmissions, as well as electronic mail and other computer network options.

Alice could have continued her education at the Kuskowim Campus, but chose to attend UAA and Mat-Su. She plans to work hard to standardize the distance courses now being offered and to implement new ones.

She has also been appointed as liason person from the Student Government NET to the General Assembly in Juneau.

THE REGISTRATION ADDRESS

by Ron Roberson

Fourscore and seven hours ago, our instructors brought forth on this campus a new schedule, conceived for variety and dedicated to the proposition that all students are not educated equal.

Now we are engaged in a great registration conflict, testing whether this schedule so conceived and so varied can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of new and returning students. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who hesitated and gave their classes that another student might attend. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate--we cannot consecrate--we cannot hallow--these hallways. The brave students, past and present, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note or long remember what we do here, but we can never forget what they did here.

It is for us, the students, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who learned here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us--that from these honored students we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion--that we here highly resolve that these students shall have not studied in vain--that this university with the help of God, shall have a new birth of inspiration--and that student government of the people, by the people, and in spite of the people shall not perish from this campus.

Honest Ron is a student at Mat-Su College.

BOOK RETURN

Plans are in the works to implement a return of books from MSC to the UAA Consortium Library. There will be a once-a-week run if the plan is ok'd by the powers that be. The service will be free for MSC students.

Answer to math problem:

The man will need:

5 blue birds, 94 yellow birds, and 1 green bird.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHT

BILL POWELL

by C. E. Long

Off to Auctioneering school? Teaching in Lithuania? Research work in Alabama? These are all very real possibilities in the future of William W. Powell, an Assistant Professor of Electronic Technology at Mat-Su College, who is retiring at the end of 1993. While Bill may teach part time at MSC for another semester, he is looking forward to doing something different after twenty-nine years of living in Alaska.

Bill grew up in Cokeburg, in Western Pennsylvania, but his February arrival in Fairbanks in 1965 when it was thirty below did not faze him. "It wasn't as bad as I thought it would be," he said. As a member of the Air Force, Bill worked at the Eielson base for the next three years as a telephone technician on equipment he characterizes now as being "dinosaurs." He also received his Associate degree in Electronics from UAF.

Although he missed the big quake of 64, during the flooding of the Chena and Tanana Rivers in August of 1967, a quarter of a mile ride in a canoe was the only way to get home. He also helped set up ham radio relays to improve communications while the crisis lasted.

After Bill got out of the Air Force in 1968, he went to work as a research technician for the Cold Regions Research Lab in Fairbanks, a division of UAF's Arctic Environmental Labs. There he built gadgets, gizmos, and other electronic devices such as were required by the scientific crew.

When funding for that program ran out five years later, he got into the University of Alaska system in his present capacity of teaching electronic technology. He worked first at UAF in the Engineering Department for three years and then at Tanana Valley Community College for ten years, where he met Glenn Massay, MSC's current President. During this time, he took a sabbatical to earn his B.S. in Education from the California University of Pennsylvania.

In September and October of 1971, Bill got to go on a trip on board an icebreaker ship from Barrow east through the Northwest Passage. The Manhattan, a research vessel owned by the Humble Oil Company, was on a mission to determine if Alaskan oil could be shipped through the Northwest Passage.

Bill was often sent out twenty miles ahead of the ship by helicopter to place navigating beacons, a task made rather more interesting by curious, hungry polar bears and shifting ice ridges. The strangest thing he had to do was to descend into the very bottom of the ship, which drew eighty-three feet, and fix a sonar transducer while listening to the ice scrape on the hull outside.

After the ET program was phased out at TVCC, Bill moved to the Valley and started working at MSC, where he likes the open entry system which does away with lectures and features instead a self-paced one-on-one program for students. Some of the more unusual projects that Bill and his students work on are the TV studio in the back of the lab and a three-wheeled robot.

He is quick to point out that while robotic theory has been around for quite a while, it is only comparatively recently that the advent of microprocessors and other modern

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BILL

technology has made robots cheap enough to build in schools such as MSC.

Bill, who is an inveterate collector of junk and whose truck is trained to brake for yard sales, spends a lot of time in his workshop tinkering with those acquired valuable items, working on his truck, and woodworking, when he is not visiting with his son Brian, who is thirteen, and his daughter Renee, who is twenty-one.

After he finally tears himself away from MSC, Bill will find it a real challenge to fit in all the things that he wants to do next. There's the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, where he could do more research work; teaching high school in Lithuania, where his grandparents were from; oilfield work overseas; getting face to face with junk by being an auctioneer; and getting his Master's degree in Education.

The students and staff at MSC will miss the big guy with the cowboy hat and the easy grin. We all wish him the best in his new ventures.

WOMEN WRITERS CLASS OFFERED

English 150, Women Writers, will be offered in Spring Semester 94 on Thursdays from 1:15 to 4:00 PM. Barbara Mishler will guide students through such books as *Jane Eyre, The Color Purple,* and *Native Tongue* (a sci-fi selection.)

Also on the reading list is a play introduced to Broadway by Lily Tomlin which is now a movie, *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe.*

The class will count towards a minor in Women's Studies.

Please see Professor Mishler for further details.

AESTHETICS STUDENTS NEEDED!

More students are needed to sign up for **Aesthetics (PHIL 401),** , to be offered in the Fall Semester of 94.

All you **ART** majors out there, please consider signing up on the blue sheets for classes wanted. Otherwise, you face a long trip to Anchorage for that class. We only need three more people.

CHECK YOUR LOAN PAPERS!

Barb Carney, the Financial Aid Officer, says students need to check the forms they may have received recently for the **University of Alaska Foundation Scholarships.**

There should be eleven pages altogether. Some forms were inadvertently passed out with only seven pages.

There are some new scholarships coming out soon, so students should check the table in front of the cafe counter for the forms.

The Soroptomists will be offering a scholarship to a woman who is a head of a household and who lives in the Mat-Su Valley.

Delto Kappa Gamma will have one for any woman who is a student at MSC who is an education major. This will be for $600.00.

Accounting majors will want to count the days till they see the scholarship for accounting majors with a B+ average or better.

Barb reminds students that it is not too late to apply for Pell grants and state student loans.. Please see Barb to have the completed forms checked by an expert.

MASSAY

This left only the upstairs bathroom to accommodate sixty plus guests that would be attending the wedding reception at Glenn's home.

The wedding day finally arrived along with a very unexpected problem. The only working bathroom in the house had succumbed to a severe plug in the toilet. As a result, Glenn and Donna had more than just the wedding to worry about. Working frantically as a team, with enough time to spare for dressing, the problem was defeated and the wedding was a complete success. On August 11, 1991, Glenn and Donna were married.

Donna received her Associate of Arts in Applied Science degree in Refrigeration and Heating at Matanuska-Susitna College and she is currently overseeing the construction of their new home. This 3000 sq. ft. home is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1994.

Glenn and Donna currently live with their ten year old son Crispin. Glenn has two children from his first marriage--Garth, 24 and Holly, 22.

Next year when the new house is completed, Glenn and Donna will graciously be hosting a barbecue and everyone is invited!!!!!!!!!

NOTICES

The **Mat-Su College Community Chorus** presents "A CHRISTMAS CONCERT" on December 10, 1993, at 7:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church in Palmer. Free admission.

The **Noontime Singers** present their Christmas concert on December 11, 1993, at 7:00 PM at Wasilla Presbyterian Church. Free admission.

Student Government is looking for a student representative for the Media Board. Interested parties contact Michelle in the St. Gov. Office.

Student Government meeting on December 10 at 5:30 in Room 126. All students welcome. There may be free pizza again.

THANK YOU

The **Art Department** thanks the following people who helped with the art demonstrations at early registration: Vickie Cole, Laurel Wheeler, Denise Morrison, Pat Davis Candler, Linda Brooks, Brigetta Cooper, Katia Zhestkova, Alene Coburn, Violet Baker, and Julie Truax.

Student Government thanks those who helped out at the November Cookout: Wade Roberts, David Orlando, Carolyn Long, Hope Clay, Diana Baxter, Irv Johnson, and Alice Orth.

ART

shapes.

Ms. Voris is an excellent craftsperson whose care and talent are evident in the exhibit. The weavings are the best and most innovative part of the show and are well worth seeing and/or buying. She will be giving a free lecture on her weaving at the Palmer Library on December 1, at 7:00 PM.

DAD

form of discrimination in beautiful downtown Wasilla. Cameron loves to go swimming, so I try to take him weekly in the summer months. Normally after a swim we would stop at McDonalds. He loves to play in the play area there. As Cameron plays, I stay inside the play area due to the older kids playing so rough with the little ones.

Well, as I sat on the bench watching Cameron with one eye and reading the newspaper with the other, an employee approached rather abruptly wanting to know "What I was doing there." Feeling a bit taken back by the question I asked,"What was it he needed to know?"

His answer to me was that some lady had seen me sitting in here and wanted to know what I was doing here. At that point I explained that I was watching my son. And if that lady was as concerned about her children as I was with mine, then she would be well aware of my reasons for being there. She would have seen me playing with my son just minutes earlier.

I then asked if they would identify this lady with the concerns and was told that she had already left the store. By then my son's happy meal was none too happy and I was left with a feeling that I was being accused of some form of child molesting. I know for a fact if I was a female the question would have never been asked.

So move over Denny's; you're not the only food chain that picks and chooses whose feelings to hurt.

The Mat-Su Matchmaker

Persons wishing to respond to an ad or place an ad may do so at the Student Government Office. All replies and ads are confidential and free for students.

NOVEMBER MATCHMAKERS

** **Warm,** Art, F, 49, Silver

** **Active,** R & F, M, 1 kid, 42, Steamy

** **Sexy,** ET, M, 30+, 1 kid, Sparky

** **Available,** ET, M, 40+, Ready

** **Alaskan,** Social Work, M, 46, 8 dogs, Woodsy

** **Comforting,** Computer Science, F, 34, Natural

** **Sensitive,** Accounting, F, 5 kids, 29, Asset

** **Pretty,** Art, F, 20, 4 cats, Sci-Fi

** **Vibrant,** Art, F, 21, 8 rabbits, Trekkie

** **Youthful,** Medical Assistant, F, 27, 2 kids, Embroidery

MORE NOTICES

Art Club meeting on December 13, at 6:00 PM in the Art Room. Jackson Pollack will splatter about the room for those who are interested in this technique.

A **Trunk Road** petition for fixing it up like spiffy new is available for signing in the Student Government office. Help make this road better than a **COW PATH!** Sign today!

The Art Department is looking for students who want to display their works in the OMT Lab. The lab is occupied by an instructor all day and is locked at night or when unoccupied. Please see Vicki Cole for futher information.

Security Escorts available to the back parking lot at 9:45 PM.

Noonsingers meets at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 108.

NO, IT'S NOT THE ET'S OR THE DT'S, IT'S ONLY THE R & H'S!

For the next couple of Tuesdays, if you see some humanoids dressed up in strange looking zoot suits, not to worry, it's only the guys from the Refrigeration and Heating Department, practicing their anti-contamination drills to combat leaks of bad stuff from heaters, refrigerator parts, pulpy things that have been in back of the frig too long, and whatever lurks in the metal ducts overhead. Humor them, the semester is almost over.